



NOAA's National Ocean Service

ROUNDTABLES

QUESTIONS *for* DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE: SUSTAINING *a* NATIONAL OCEAN POLICY

This will be the seventh and final “Ocean Future” constituent roundtable hosted by Dr. Richard Spinrad, Assistant Administrator of NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS). The roundtable will focus on “sustaining a national ocean policy” and will include a discussion of NOS’s strategic vision as a Global Leader in the Integrated Management of the Ocean. NOS programs cover a broad range of scientific, technical and management activities. NOS is also leading efforts in the development of ocean observation and modeling systems, and in educating the public about the importance of these activities.

The following questions are intended to facilitate roundtable discussions:

- *What are the most important actions needed to build a more comprehensive, integrated, and sustainable National Ocean Policy?*
- *What role(s) should NOS play in providing leadership in ocean management?*
- *What is your definition of integrated management of the ocean, and in what areas should NOAA, and particularly NOS, focus its efforts to advance this approach?*
- *Of the six theme areas NOS has identified as priorities for becoming a Global Leader in the Integrated Management of the Ocean (observations, modeling, coastal communities, technology, partnerships, expert workforce) which is the most important to pursue?*
- *How can NOAA better translate its science and research into useful products and services for the public?*
- *What mechanisms should NOS develop or improve upon to better communicate its priorities and accomplishments to constituents, and better understand their needs for information and services?*



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